

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10, 12, and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants AMEND Claims 1, 2, and 14, and CANCELS Claims 13 and 15.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 2, 3, 4/2, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 8/3, 9/8/2, 9/8/3, 10, and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to recite the features of Claim 13. Applicants have also amended Claim 2 and 14 to depend upon Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is allowable and that Claims 2-10, 12, and 14, which depend upon Claim 1, are allowable for at least the reasons that Claim 1 is allowable.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Enoki et al. As discussed above, Applicants amended Claim 1 to recite the features of Claim 13, which the Examiner has admitted is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Enoki et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a ONE-month extension of time, extending to September 5, 2006, the period for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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